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For: **CONSERVED MOTIF OF
HEPATITUS C VIRUS E2/NS1 REGION**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement interposed by the office action mailed December 12, 1997, Applicants hereby elect Category I (claims 40 and 42-53) with traverse. If the peptides claimed in Invention I are patentable, then it follows that the fusion peptide of claim 41 is also patentable. Therefore, the claims should not be separately examined, nor should applicants be put to the expense of filing an unnecessary second application.

In further response to the office action, Applicants elect species A (claims 42, 45, 48-51) and further elect subspecies A (claims 48-49).

It is believed that there is no fee to file this response. However, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1664 if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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